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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director,
Office of Research and Development

SUBJECT: Drell Follow-On Activities

1. Relative to the Lundahl memorandum to DD/S&T, subject: Establishment of a Scientific Investigative Working Team to Determine Standards for Measuring Technical Quality of Aerial Photography

25X1 [] I have no quarrel with this document and am, in
25X1 fact, rather delighted to have [] and Lundahl pick up the ball on
this aspect of things rather than have it go to Westover by default.
I do object, however, to the fact that ORD is not represented on
this sub-panel. I have since talked with [] about this, and
25X1 both [] have been invited to participate in
the panel activities.

25X1 2. Relative to the [] proposal for a series of measure-
ments and analyses in certain critical areas of the total C/M system
as raised in the Drell report, we have asked [] to submit a more
detailed proposal and have coordinated this with [] of
25X1 OSA, because of the complex interplay of system-funded and NRO
Program B activities relative to the implementation of this proposal
and general improvement of the C/M system. In general, I recom-
mend that this activity be operated by OSA.

25X1 3. The original [] proposal by [] for rather
standard edge measurement development activities, as contained
in the proposed NPIC activity, has been turned over to NPIC and we
25X1 will have [] and his people at [] look into some of the
even more fundamental aspects of the microscopic details of spread
functions of optical systems and films as related to advanced recon-
naissance systems wherein extremely high resolution will be even
more difficult to evaluate in after-the-fact examination of the film.

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4. We are in the process of partially sanitizing three of the Drell reports, one to go to [redacted], one to [redacted] and one to [redacted]. It is, of course, most important that the activities contemplated by the Drell report be activated as quickly as possible and it is believed that the mechanisms discussed above will accomplish that.

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5. In terms of over-all control, it appears that the most feasible technique for exercising at least knowledgeable control is to reconstitute the Drell Panel (minus the industrial membership) at a later date, say six months, when it is felt that some progress may have been made in the various areas. This group would meet for a few days and be briefed by the NPIC Edge Measurement Sub-Panel, systems people, targets people, and others such as [redacted] [redacted] committee. In this reincarnation, rather than rely on Executive Order for authority, it would be better to conduct this as more of a seminar activity rather than have industry people actually as members of a formal panel.

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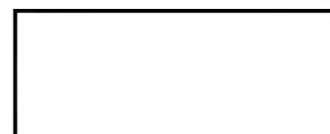
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